

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPRENTICESHIP COUNCIL

APPRENTICESHIP FACT SHEET

Apprenticeship is a structured method of training, developing workers who have a wide range of skills within a craft.

The system of apprenticeship includes specified hours of on-the-job training and classroom related instruction or other approved supplemental training. Apprenticeships usually range from one to five years, depending on the trade. On-the-job training is under the supervision of a skilled and seasoned journey worker. Each component reinforces the other and produces a journey worker who has thoroughly learned a craft and can adjust to technological change in a variety of jobs.

Apprenticeship is not just a job, it is a career. Graduates, who successfully complete their apprenticeship training, receive nationally recognized completion certificates. In this regard, apprenticeship is considered the “other” four-year degree. Apprentices earn a salary while learning their craft and receive incremental wage increases as their skill level develops.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR APPRENTICESHIP

Although there are variations among the crafts, general qualifications for apprenticeship selection are as follows:

- 1) Age 18 and above
- 2) Physically able to do the work of the specific trade
- 3) For most trades, a high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED)
- 4) For some trades, a qualifying score on the General Aptitude Test Battery (GATB)
- 5) Transportation for most apprenticeship programs (particularly in the construction field, due to the mobility of the industry.)

Employers may be able to grant qualified applicants credit toward their apprenticeship training for prior experience in the trade.

There are over 800 apprenticeship trades. Listed are some of the trades that are registered with the D.C. Apprenticeship Council:

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| • Brick Mason | • Insulation Worker | • Plasterer |
| • Cement Mason | • Machine Repair Technician | • Roofer |
| • Carpentry | • Marble Repair Technician | • Sheet Metal Worker |
| • Childcare Development Specialist | • Marble Setter | • Sprinkler Fitter |
| • Electrician | • Operating Engineer | • Stationary Engineer |
| • Elevator Constructors | • Painter/Decorator | • Telecommunication Technician |
| • Glazier | • Pharmacy Technician | • Tile & Terrazzo Worker |

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For more information on apprenticeship training and how to apply, you can contact the D.C. Office of Apprenticeship Information and Training on (202) 698-5099. You may also visit or contact any of the following Department of Employment Services One-Stop Career Centers that are available to assist you Monday-Friday at the hours indicated. You may contact any of the centers by calling (202) 724-7000.

**A. PHILIP RANDOLPH WORKER CENTER/
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES SATELLITE
ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER**

6210 North Capitol Street, N.W.
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. -5:00 p.m.

**BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)
SATELLITE ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER**

945 G Street, N.W.
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

BUSINESS RESOURCE CENTER

64 New York Avenue, N.E., 3rd Floor
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**EUCLID STREET SATELLITE ONE-STOP CAREER
CENTER**

1704 Euclid Street, N.W.
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

FRANKLIN STREET ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER

1500 Franklin Street, N.E.
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**JUDICIARY SQUARE SATELLITE ONE-STOP
CAREER CENTER**

441 4th Street, N.W., 1st Floor
Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

NAYLOR ROAD ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER

2626 Naylor Road, S.E.
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**PROJECT EMPOWERMENT
(WELFARE-TO-WORK PARTICIPANTS ONLY)**

625 H Street, N.E.
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**SOUTH CAPITOL STREET - CVS/PHARMACY
ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER**

4049 South Capitol Street, S.W.
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS SATELLITE
ONE-STOP CAREER CENTER
(VETERANS ONLY)**

Veterans Affairs Regional Office
1722 I Street, N.W., 3rd Floor, Rm. 335
Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



**For more information, call (202) 724-7000 or the
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